



## Frequently asked Questions: VT Testing Requirements

For testing requirements, please see the brochure [2014-2015 Vermont's Testing Requirements for Educator Licensure](#)

Candidates do not have to have an open application to have test scores sent. Test scores will be stored at the AOE in the testing databases until needed.

### Who is exempt from taking Core Academic tests and Praxis II tests?

- Qualifying Praxis I, SAT, ACT or GRE scores taken before 8/31/14 (NO additional tests are accepted in lieu of the Praxis Core)
- Candidates who qualify for a Level II license in the endorsement area being sought.
- Candidates who otherwise qualify for licensure/endorsement and have achieved National Board Certification®

Praxis Core Approved Alternate Tests		
Praxis I		Taken before August 31, 2014  Reading 177 Writing 174 <u>Math 175</u> 526 Composite
SAT	Taken prior to April 1, 1995  Verbal 420 <u>Math 470</u> 1000 Combined	Taken between April 1, 1995 and August 31, 2014  Critical Reading 500 <u>Math 500</u> 1100 Combined
ACT		Until August 31, 2014  English score: 22 Math Score: 22
GRE	Taken prior to August 1, 2011  Verbal 500 <u>Quantitative 500</u> 1100 Combined	August 1, 2011 until August 31, 2014  Verbal 153 <u>Quantitative 144</u> 300 combined

### To have scores sent to the Agency of Education:

ETS (Praxis tests) (800)772-9476

College Board (SAT Tests) (866)756-7346

ACT Tests (319)337-1313

GRE Tests (888)473-7267

Vermont Recipient Codes:

- Praxis I, II, and Core Academic Skills – recipient code #8410
- SAT – Vermont AOE recipient code #4142
- ACT – Vermont AOE recipient code #4331
- GRE – Submit ‘official’ hard copy of scores with application please. GRE scores are not sent electronically; score reports not associated with an application can get misplaced.
- National Board Certification - Submit hard copy of certificate with application.

**Do I have to pay a registration fee each time I register to take a Praxis test?** No. Test takers are required to pay the registration fee only once during a testing year.

**I have taken my test; how long before I get my results?** Scores will be available to candidates online approximately four weeks after the test date. A candidate can get their scores earlier by utilizing the Scores-by-Phone service. For more information on score reporting dates and accessing scores, see [Getting Your Praxis Scores](#) at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis).

**I took the Praxis II Elementary Education test and failed one section; what do I do now?** A candidate who fails a section must re-take that section only.

**I took the Praxis I or the Praxis Core tests for Educators test and failed a section; what do I do now?** Praxis I tests are no longer available. A candidate that failed a section of Praxis I must now take the Core Academic Series. A candidate that fails a section(s) of the Core Academic Series must re-take the section(s).

**I took the Praxis I & II tests a few years ago in a different state. Can I use those scores or do I have to take the test again?** If candidates complete tests that have the same title codes as the tests Vermont has adopted and the scores meet or exceed Vermont's passing scores, these scores can be used. Candidates should contact the Educational Testing Service and request that an official score report be sent to the Vermont Agency of Education using recipient code “8410.”

**I want to apply for a license in Career and Technical Education or support professional (e.g., school nurse, guidance counselor, online teaching specialist). Do I need to take a Praxis test?** Yes. All candidates applying for initial Vermont licensure who do not qualify for a Level II license must meet Vermont's passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators as well as any identified Praxis II tests associated with the endorsement being sought.

**Will there be other endorsement areas that will require a Praxis II Subject Assessment test?** Subject assessments for other endorsement areas may be adopted in the future.

**How do Vermont's testing requirements apply to Peer Review candidates?** Peer Review candidates must meet all licensure testing requirements that are in effect when the Licensing Office receives the candidate's application for a license. Please note that Peer Review candidates can only apply for a license after the panel has recommended the candidate for licensure and the candidate has received written confirmation of such from the Licensing Office.

**I am applying for SLP/Audiology licensure in Vermont. What tests are required?** Applicants for the Educational Speech Language Pathology endorsement must meet the passing scores for the Core Academic Series. Additionally, all candidates must pass the appropriate Praxis II subject assessment.

**I previously held a Vermont educator license and wish to reinstate it. Do I have to meet the testing requirements?**

No. Vermont's testing requirements do not need to be met for reinstatement of a previously held educator license.

**I am applying for the science endorsement limited to a specific science subject (i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science). Do I need to take a Praxis II General Science Subject Assessment test?** No. Applicants are required to meet Vermont's passing score on the applicable Praxis II subject specific test only.

**If I passed a Praxis II content knowledge test (English, math, science or social studies), do I also need to pass a middle grades Praxis test in the same content area to obtain a middle grades endorsement?** No. A Praxis II passing score in a secondary content area will meet the testing requirements for the middle grades endorsement in that same content area. For the middle grades science endorsement, the general science test can be substituted for the middle grades science test.

**Can I have my college send the AOE my test scores?** No, only test scores received **directly from ETS** will be considered official.

**I am seeking an endorsement in a Modern and Classical Language not tested by Praxis II. What test do I need to take (e.g. Italian)?** In all languages without an assigned Praxis II exam, ACTFL or ASLTA testing is required to demonstrate proficiency. For more info go to:

[http://education.vermont.gov/documents/proficiency\\_definitions.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/proficiency_definitions.pdf)